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SUBJ: APRIL MEETING OF JOINT COMMERICAL COMMISSION

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1. DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ALKHIMOV SUGGESTED TO ME YESTERDAY THAT BECAUSE WEATHER ON BLACK COAST IS SOMEWHAT UNPREDICTABLE IN MARCH-APRIL, SIMON PARTY MAY WISH SUBSTITUTE KIEV FOR YALTA IN ITINERARY. ALKIHIMOV COMMENTED THAT EVEN IF IT RAINS APRIL 12-13, IN KIEV THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO SEE, INCLUDING FAMOUS PECHERSKIY MONASTERY, ST. SOPHIA CATHEDRAL AND A FIRST-RATE OPERA.

2. WHAT ALKHIMOV DID NOT SAY IS THAT A VISIT TO KIEV WOULD NECESSARILY ENTAIL AN EXTENSIVE ROUND OF PROTOCOL VISITS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES REplete WITH THE CUSTOMARY BANQUETS, ACTIVITIES WHICH IN YALTA WOULD BE LOWER IN KEY AND SCALE. IF SIMON PARTY SEES WEEKEND AS A CHANCE TO REST BETWEEN MOSCOW AND TBILISI, THEN YALTA WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY BE

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PREFERABLE AS A PLACE TO VISIT. IF SECRETARY PREFERS

TO SPEND FAIRLY STRENUOUS WEEKEND SIGHTSEEING WITH A
STRONG ELEMENT OF OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT, KIEV IS THE
BETTER CHOICE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE AS SOON AS
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